GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3990
ANSWERED ON:18.04.2002
ACCIDENTS OF SAHAYADRI NAGARI EXPRESS
DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have enquired into the reasons of the accidents of Sahayadri Nagari Express which took place recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken to prevent such happening in future; and

(d) the details of casualties taken place in the accident ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIST RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) to (d): A statement is attached.

STATEMENTREFERREDTO IN REPLY TOPARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARREDQUESTION NO.3990 ASKEDBY SHRIKIRIT SOMAIYA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 18.04.2002 REGARDING ACCIDENT OF SAHAYADRI NAGARI EXPRESS

(a) & (b): No, Sir. There is no such train by the name Sahayadri Nagari Express. However, on 20.02.2002, 10 coaches of 9601 Sayaji Nagari Express derailed at Udhana stationof Valsad-Surat Section of Mumbai Division, Western Railway. Commissioner of Railway Safety/Western Circle is inquiring into the cause of this derailment. He has not yet submitted his Final Report.

(c) : The steps taken to prevent such mishaps are as under :-

(i) A non − lapsable Special Railway Safety Fundof Rs. 17,000/- crs. has been set up for renewal of over aged assets and for safety enhancement works.

(ii) Fouling Mark to Fouling Mark (FM to FM) track circuiting on entire 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D' and 'D Spl.' routes where speed is more than 7 kmph. have been completed.

(iii) Modification of signaling circuitry has been carried out to minimize chances of human error in causing accidents.

(iv) A pilot project of AWS on trial basis for Tughlakabad − Mathura section of Central Railway has been sanctioned on trial basis.

(v) There has been progressive increase in use of Tie Tamping and ballast cleaning machines for track maintenance. Also, Track Renewal Trains are being used.

(vi) For monitoring track geometry and running characteristics of the track, sophisticated track recording cars, oscillograph cars and portable accelerometers are being used progressively.

(vii) For detection of rail fractures/weld failures, adequate double rail Ultra Sonic Flaw Detectors have been procured. Self Propelled Ultrasonic Rail Testing Cars are being procured.

(viii) Stringent penalty to the extent of dismissal/removal from service is being imposed on officials causing serious accidents.

(d) : In this accident, 2 passengers lost their lives, 4 passengers were grievously injured and 12 passengers had simple injuries.